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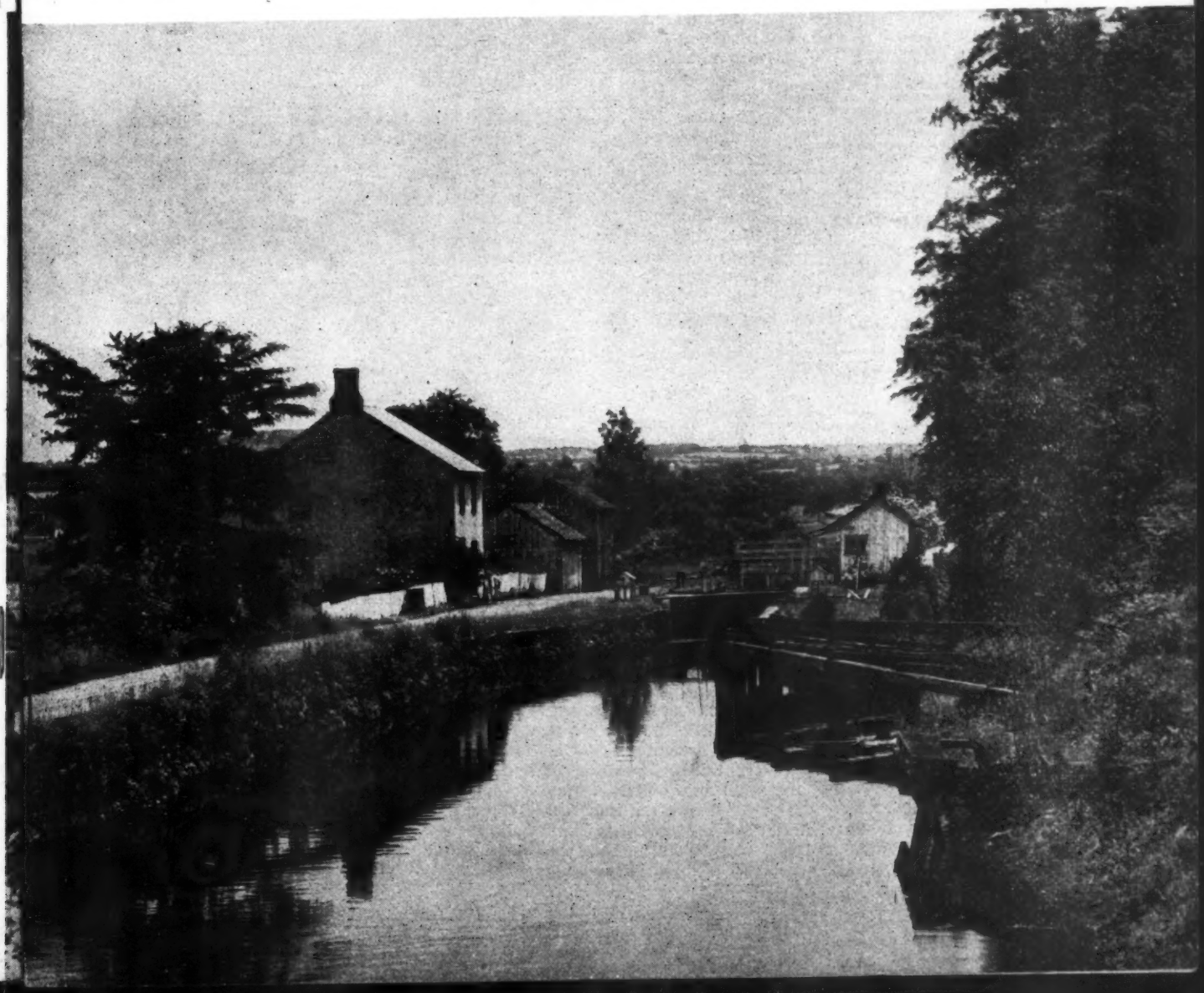

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THE FLORIDA CAMP MEETING

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W. E. Johnson, Overseer

NOTICE

The camp meeting and convention for the State of Iowa will convene at Jefferson, June 27 to July 3, inclusive. Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, and wife will be with us June 29-30. Rev. Glenn C. Pettyjohn, overseer of Ontario, Canada, will be the night speaker. The preachers of Iowa and the visiting preachers will be the day speakers. All are invited. Free meals. For reservations, write Leslie M. Gilpin, 301 S. Vine Street, Jefferson, Iowa.—H. O. Harris, Overseer of Iowa.

State Camp Meetings and Conventions

State	Place	Date
Alabama	Birmingham Campground	July 6-15
Arkansas	Benton	July 8-18
California	Presbyterian Conf. Grounds (Temescal Canyon)	June 7-13
Colorado		June 4-6
Delaware	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
D. C., Washington	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Florida	Wimauma	June 16-25
Georgia	Campground	July 13-25
Idaho	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
Illinois	Benton Campground	June 27-July 4
Indiana	Campground	July 29-31
Iowa	Jefferson	June 27-July 3
Kansas	Coffeyville	July 2-8
Kentucky	Near Lexington	July 1-10
Louisiana		July 16-18
Maryland	Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Michigan	Pontiac	June 17-20
Minnesota		June 17-20
Mississippi	Hattiesburg	June 17-20
Missouri		July 8-18
Montana	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Nebraska	Coffeyville, Kansas	July 2-8
Nevada	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
New England States	Maine Campground	July 16-25
New Jersey	Brooklyn, New York	July 28-29
New Mexico	Roswell	July 7-15
New York	Brooklyn	July 28-29
North Carolina	Campground	July 13-23
North Dakota	Minot	June 25-July 4
Ohio	Near Lancaster	June 10-20
Oklahoma	Shawnee	July 12-18
Oregon		July 1-11
Pennsylvania	Somerset	July 21-Aug. 1
South Carolina	Near Mauldin	June 29-July 8
South Dakota	Minot Campground, N. D.	June 25-July 4
Tennessee	Cleveland	June 25-July 4
Texas	Weatherford	June 7-13
Virginia	Pulaski	June 24-27
Washington		July 1-11
West Virginia	Beckley	July 23-25
Wisconsin		June 17-20
Wyoming	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Western Canada	Outram, Sask.	July 6-15
Central Canada		July 18-28

GREAT REVIVAL SWEEPS CHURCH

SPRINGFIELD, N. C.—The first Sunday in April, the Church of God here began a revival which lasted one month. We are happy to report that it was the greatest revival in the history of the church. We cannot praise God enough for the way He has blessed us. Our evangelist was Rev. A. V. Childers, of Asheville, N. C., and truly he is a man of God. One hundred sixty-nine souls were saved, one hundred and ten sanctified, and seventy-one filled with the Holy Ghost. Our membership was thirty-eight when Reverend Childers began this revival, and we received fifty-eight new members at the close. The majority of them were adults.

This revival was brought about by the faithfulness and continual fasting and prayers of our good pastor, Rev. C. D. Spake and the members, ministers, and friends of this church. The Holy Ghost would take charge and the altars would fill up. Sometimes there would be four altars filled, and we would hardly have room to work with the seekers. The building and also

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►EDITORIALS...

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

In their breezy, busy, important National Convention at Memphis last week, Southern Baptists elected Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, to succeed Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Dr. Lee, pastor of the Bellvue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., is an outstanding churchman, a fundamentalist. He was the first moderator of the St. Louis initial meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals, in 1942.

From all reports, it appears that the former president, Dr. Newton, went along too far with the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in sugar-coating the atheistic dictatorship of Soviet Russia.

Baptists Adopt Tithing

At this National Convention, a resolution was passed requesting their six million members to tithe their incomes this year and in future years, which would bring expected annual contributions of more than five hundred million dollars. This is certainly a step forward toward God's financial plan, and with the twenty-six thousand associated churches cooperating, they surely will have the means to do a great work.

Also, they asked President Truman to recall Myron C. Taylor at the Vatican, personal representative of the President of the United States, with the rank of an ambassador, as the maintenance of this office violates the rights and privileges of the people of America in the separation of church and state.

STARVATION IN THE ISLANDS

186 Deaths in Less Than 4 Months

The drouths in Haiti and Jamaica are largely responsible for this condition. One hundred and eighty-six people have died of starvation, according to information given by Government officials and contained in the quarterly Government records showing cases of sudden or suspicious deaths.

Official records give the causes of deaths variously as malnutrition, entero-colitis, acute gastritis, chronic anaemia, chronic congestion of the lungs, auto-toxemia from infestation of worms. All these terms are better understood by the simple name of starvation.

When the doctors were asked the cause of these deaths, two of them agreed outright, and said they "would not be a bit surprised that it was starvation."

How They Died

Here is a simple statement of Daisylin Lawrence's father, who helped to sustain her and her children as well as he could:

"On Monday evening the little child was hearty. The big one complained of fever and pain in the stomach. It was not anywhere serious that I should take her to the doctor, but she walked up and down in the yard.

"Tuesday morning, when I waked up to go into the bush, I asked the big one how she feel. She say she no feel the fever. I gave them jack-in-the-bush tea and some dumpling, and I leave them and went away.

"When I come in home from the bush, about half past five, a bearer meet me and tell me the two children is dead. The youngest die at two o'clock and the oldest die at four o'clock."

Mere Poverty Kills Son

The Lawrence-Brady family, like thousands of others in Jamaica, live in utter poverty, filth, and squalor, in a hovel at Red Hassel, and their conditions kill them. The report states their home was built on stilts, with sides of split bamboo, a roof part-palm, part-corrugated tin, and a battered wood door held by a piece of wire. When it rained the water poured through the roof and beat and seeped in through the bamboo sides. Sheets of brown paper and old newspaper were stuck on the bamboo walls to help keep out the heat of the sun and the night cold. Mother and children slept with others in a space not more than six feet square, some on a wooden trestle—it could not be called a bed—and some on the floor with gapping holes in it where the wood had rotted. For covering, they used paper and a few filthy bedclothes. For furniture, they had one rough homemade table and small chair.

The report further states they never have sufficient food to eat to sustain normal health. Post-mortem examinations of the bodies show that they were grossly undernourished and infested with worms. The vital centres of the body—the brain, the liver, the kidneys—are infested with worms caused by their appalling living conditions.

One can imagine that with these there comes a time when the bodies so infested have no more resistance, and the vital nervous system collapses and death occurs in a few hours.

These conditions are also to be found in Haiti. Many of the people have gone to Cuba and other places, trying to secure employment to maintain life. So many of the people have moved away in certain communities that our churches can hardly exist.

Statements from Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr.

Recently, in correspondence from Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Walker, Jr., Port au Prince, Haiti, they tell of the food situation there, which is continually growing worse. I give you an excerpt from their letters as follows:

"We went to the market at Petionville and couldn't find much of anything. There aren't many merchants and the place is almost bare. We then went to the market in Port au Prince, but it was bare also. We went to the market by the sea and found some corn meal and beans."

"We can't find bread and they almost laughed at me in town today when I asked for ten pounds of flour. They say they won't have any, perhaps, until the middle of next month; but we got a small box of pancake flour today. We hope to find some beans and eggs if we go to the market early tomorrow. We found some bananas Sunday and Monday, the first in several days. As long as we can get American canned goods, we won't suffer; but they are terribly high. I don't know what the poor people are doing for food."

Recently, I understand, one of our ministers visited on the district in Haiti and reported that he found in some six or eight homes only a little food at one of them. These conditions certainly demand your prayerful consideration. Some clothing has already been shipped to Haiti. We have some clothing now awaiting shipment. If you feel impressed to assist, write Rev. J. S. Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary, concerning this matter.

Children Are Human

By Ruby Slay

ARISING from the altar, with tears streaming down her cheeks, and her face wreathed in smiles, plump little Marilyn Joan testified, "I've never felt better in my life." Six-year-old Wendell, his beautiful brown eyes radiating a new-found joy, in trying to express the gloriousness of a born-again experience, said, "I thank the Lord for saving me. I feel so good I want to get saved every year."

These are the testimonies of youngsters who are privileged to attend a church that specializes in children to the extent services are conducted just for its youngbloods every Sunday night.

Nestled in the heart of the "Bible Belt" of the United States, lies the small town of Cleveland, Tennessee, with its population of approximately 18,000. It is considered one of the "churchiest" towns of its size, containing thirty-two churches of various denominations, besides the numbers of country churches in the outlying districts. Yet, according to Chief Trotter, chief of police, less than one tenth per cent of all the children "picked up" on various charges attend Sunday School.

It was not Jesus only, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Lenin said, "Give me five years' talk to the children, and my clock shall not be set back." Catholics say, "Give us six years of a child's life, and he'll always be a Catholic." Because religious education has been sadly neglected among the children, juvenile delinquency is sweeping the land.

The North Cleveland Church of God, becoming alarmed by these facts and also the statement made by the United States Office of Education that only a small proportion of the children throughout the country have even brief contact with church influence, decided to do something about it in Cleveland.

A survey among the children of its own congregation was made, and it was found that the number of those who didn't enjoy regular preaching services were by far in the majority.

To Billy, a live-wire little whipster, Sundays meant dressing up and listening to the preacher say a lot of things which didn't make sense to him; however, his dad informed him he wasn't expected to understand all the minister said, nevertheless he had better be quiet and listen. So Billy, in remembering his previous experiences with the hairbrush, "endured" but definitely didn't enjoy going to church. In all probability, when Billy gets a little older he will have no desire to attend the house of God. Independence, being the dearest treasure of a growing youth, is nowhere more likely to be exercised than in the realms of religious faith.

To create within that inner life, during the impressionable years of childhood, a love and appreciation for the Word of God and the house of God, means special services must be conducted for the youngsters.

In these services, unhampered by the presence of so many grownups, the youth takes an active part. There is first a lively song service, in which their untrained, high, clear, sweet voices swell forth as does the sound of crystal-pure waters pouring down the mountainside.

Tony, a little fellow about five years old, of German descent, has a slight

lisp and doesn't carry a tune very well, but the way he leads the chorus "Yes, Jesus Loves Me" would thrill the soul of any listener.

Included in the selections are several action numbers which allow the release of energy, yet are inspirational enough to plant in the deepest recesses of their innermost being a desire to become Christians. The youngsters provide their own "specials," and are not at all backward in doing so. By exercising their musical talents in this way, they will never know the meaning of "stage fright."

The children are taught to kneel while praying, and the tiniest tot to the largest boy and girl consider this a time of sacred reverence. They are also taught that the character and moral strength built by communion with God will be essential for the supreme test.

If any of the children have something special to pray about, they stand and ask the others to help them pray about it. A beautiful, dark-haired little girl stood one Sunday night and in all sincereness asked the children to pray that she would pass her tests in school the following week. You can imagine the expression on her face the next Sunday night as she came in breathless with excitement, telling everyone she had made one hundred on all her exams. Such incidents as these increase their faith in God.

An object lesson or some story is always given by an adult, and no single group is more quickly interested, held, and educated through stories than are children; for example, the story "Barney's Barrel" was told one Sunday, and the youngsters were so excited they gripped the edge of their seats, not making a sound, but with their mouths open, drinking in every word. Now they ask, "Please tell us some more Barney stories."

Realizing that between the ages of six and nine a child's memory is greatest, they are taught a Bible verse each Sunday. Learning a verse for each letter of the alphabet is quite appealing to children, and as means of encouragement an award may be given for each verse learned perfectly. Gratifying results have come from giving each child a grey elephant (cut from construction paper) with a long ribbon hanging from its tusk. When a child memorizes his verse, he is given a yellow peanut (also cut from construction paper) to paste on the ribbon. After a designated length of time, the child having the most peanuts may receive a book or any such reward. The keen competition this evokes is surprising.

The offerings may be used for supplies, such as object lessons, flannelgraph stories, etc., which then becomes the property of the Church, or to be used for mission work

The high light of the service is the Bible story. Knowing the Master's words lead all who seek into the fulness of truth, the teachers present them prayerfully and carefully. Since visual aid is coming more and more into the spotlight, the story is told very effectively by using the flannelboard. As the board is being arranged the children "get fixed" so each one can see, then the story begins with the flannelgraph characters being placed on the board according to the lesson. They are so attentive to every detail, one's own inner life is refreshed by their naive interest in the beautiful things which the Master said and did.

Rusty, an independent, temperamental chap of four years, now finds church a fascinating place, and by acquiring a Biblical education in his early childhood will have wells of living truth to draw from when his need is great.

Teaching children that religion is not simply a way of thinking, but also a way of living, is an investment that in a few years, should the Lord tarry, will pay great dividends, when perhaps some of these youngsters, become great missionaries, others ministers, and still others personal workers, all because someone is interested enough in youngsters to tell them the story of Jesus in a language they can understand and appreciate.

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The Southeastern Youth Congress

By E. Ray Kirk

On April 1, the delegates from the six states comprising the Southeastern District began to converge on the city of Macon, Georgia, for a three-day study and inspirational congress. In spite of the prevailing rains, together with floods and storms in this six-state area, particularly to the south, there was a fine representation of pastors, youth leaders, and the youth themselves.

We should like to review for you the entire program and give you a detailed report on the various features, but time and space would fail us in this endeavor. So, it will suffice to say that Brother Ralph E. Wiliams, our National Youth Director, and his able committeemen, together with other of our Church leaders, invited some very outstanding talent from various fields of youth work to address this congress, and I am sure that no one was disappointed with the presentation of these people.

On Thursday night, in the very opening service, a fine crowd assembled in the Memorial Auditorium, and at 7:30 p.m. Brother Clell Ray, youth director of Georgia, in charge of devotions, opened the service and the congress was "off," with the presence and power of God being manifested from the beginning to the end. Fine management and administration, by our efficient and well-loved National Director, was evidenced in every phase of the Southeastern Congress. Mayor Wilson of Macon very graciously and sincerely gave the city and its facilities and accommodations to us for the time of our meeting. Others, including Brother Stover, the local pastor, and Brother Beaube, overseer of Georgia, offered us the best they had. I am sure the hospitality of all these people will not be forgotten soon. The climax of this initial service came when Brother Luther Turner, in the "Luther Turner style," brought a soul-stirring, thought-provoking, Holy-Ghost-unctionized message on "The Challenge of the Hour."

On Friday morning, following a wonderful devotional service, during which Sister Ruth Williams sang "There Is a God Somewhere," as the answer of our Church of God youth to communism. Brother Ralph Williams made his annual address to this group. He had many good things to say concerning things already started, or accomplished, and plans for the future. We were especially thrilled to hear him say that the unpleasant statistics compiled a few years ago, in which it was revealed that we were losing four out of five of our young people, were no longer true. He said also that we were badly in need of parents who would permit nothing to hinder them from bringing their children to Jesus. (He cited the scripture where the apostles tried to keep mothers from troubling Jesus with their children, but Jesus said, "Suffer little children . . . ," etc.) In closing, he emphasized that every pastor, teacher, and worker should make our

SUNDAY SCHOOLS SOUL SAVING STATIONS.

Following this, Rev. A. M. Phillips, pastor, the Hemphill church in Atlanta, Georgia, lectured on "Youth and Evangelism." He suggested that we should go after our unsaved young people like a political candidate goes after votes. He also suggested that we, as Holy-Ghost-filled parents, should build a fence around the top of the precipice instead of a hospital at the foot, in the lives of our children; in other words, let's protect them from sin and its harm rather than have to try to rescue and rehabilitate them in Christ after they have fallen in sin. He further stated that Christ used as His pulpit, boats, well curbs, the shade of sycamore trees, etc., and that we could not afford to do less than make the most of every opportunity to evangelize our youth (and I say our aged as well).

Following Brother Phillips, Brother Jernigan, General Overseer, brought a good message, filled with much appreciated instruction and advice, on the subject "If I Were Young Again."

In the afternoon, Dr. Clarence Benson, preacher, teacher, author, and a nationally known authority on the organization and management of Sunday Schools, lectured on the words of Jesus when He said, "Go . . . teach." He made us to know that the teacher, whether he be called preacher, doctor, missionary, or whatever, is the central or predominating figure in any great missionary movement. At the conclusion of Doctor Benson's lecture, Brother Tapley, Dean of Lee College, had charge of a service in the interest of the Bible Training School and College.

In the evening service, after a beautiful devotional service led by Brother Lewis J. Willis, youth director of Florida, a very touching tribute was paid our youth publication, **The Lighted Pathway,** and its beloved editor, Sister Alda B. Harrison, by Sister Ruth Williams. After this, the general officials of the Church who were present were introduced, each of whom declared their pleasure in being able to attend this youth gathering. The state overseers that were present were also introduced and each spoke words of inspiration and encouragement.

Following all of these fine features, together with much good singing, con-

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The True Shepherd

By Rev. John O. Yates

Text: Psalm 23:1

I would like for us to notice two emphatic statements David made in the above quotation, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." There seems to be a "know so" in his statements.

First, let us notice the word *is*, present tense; not was, or will be, but *is*. He did not say maybe, or I hope so, or I hope He his; but he was positive.

Next, let us notice the words *I shall not want*. He had confidence in God and knew that He would keep His promise.

A little girl, in trying to quote the above text, said, "The Lord is my shepherd, and that is all I want." It is true, the Lord is all we should want, all we need, and far more than we can ever make use of.

In Phil. 4:19, Paul said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." ". . . for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him." Jesus tells us, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Again, "I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Therefore, "the Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

In St. John 10: 11, Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." Again, He said that He gave His life that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. I am so glad I know Him to be the True Shepherd.

I shall not want for rest, because "He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." Jesus said in Matt. 11:28-30, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

I shall not want for refreshments, for "he leadeth me beside the still waters." In Isa. 55:1 we read, "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the water, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Again, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." I am glad that whosoever included me.

I shall not want for guidance. "He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." The wise man said, "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Here, the secret of being guided lies in the acknowledgement of Him as our True Shepherd and being willing to be led.

Isaiah says, "The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

Isa. 42:16, "I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not . . . I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight." Could we ask for more?

Just now my mind goes to the noted blind song writer, Fanny Crosby. Though literally blind practically all her life, she wrote more hymns than any other woman. Though totally blind, she was led in a clear path by the Great Shepherd.

If we could have approached her home in Bridgport, Conn., we perhaps would have heard her voice in that wonderful old hymn, "Some day when fades the golden sun, beneath the rose-tinted west, my blessed Lord will say, Well done, and I shall enter into rest. And I shall see Him face to face, and tell the story 'saved by grace.'" If today we could approach the paradise of God, we perhaps would hear her, with the redeemed host, singing, "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me; I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see."

My heart thrills with joy now, as I think of the thousands of sheep that have heard the voice of the Shepherd and have followed Him in the paths of righteousness. Today, we are enjoying that rest which He promised to His followers. There are many who are following the Good Shepherd today, and are carefully listening to the gentle voice of Him who said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Some day they will hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

One more verse from the 23d Psalm: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Time and space will not permit our writing more upon this wonderful text, but in closing I must mention the testimony of the apostle Paul, who said, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Paul was emphatic in his sayings and fully realized there was a crown awaiting him, and not only for him, but for all who follow the True Shepherd and finish their course with victory over sin.

To all of God's children I say, follow the Shepherd closely, for in these last days there are many dangers and pitfalls to beset our paths.—*The Missouri Memoir.*

Feasting on Bread from Heaven

As the children of Israel were being led by the hand of Moses they began murmur against him, saying, "We would have rather died by our fleshpots in Egypt than starve here in the wilderness." Many of us are just like our ancestors. We get in the wilderness and get this gnawing hunger, but refuse the old knee route that can obtain manna. If we would just trust Christ to make our intercessions for us and stop doubting, we could see the glory of God and the manna beginning to fall. Bless the name of God forever! I am feasting today on this bread from heaven. It will carry me through the wilderness and on to Canaan Land. Overcomers, there is a great need to stop murmuring and trust God. When things look dark it is for a purpose. We can see the pillar of fire better. Thank God for old-time praying pilgrims. We will soon be home. Pray for my children.—A Praying Mother, Hixson, Tennessee.

Governments – Are They

By Rev. W. H. Compton

"Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained,

Let Us Walk by the Same Rule, Let Us Mind the Same Thing." *Phil. 3:16*

CHURCH discipline, governments, or rule of order is clearly set forth and taught in the Bible. Since this is true, please let us consult the inspired Word of God for proper information.

How many times have you heard people say, "I am not bound or tied down by any church or churches"? I say that we are *bound and free.* By this, I mean that we are *bound* to do the *will* of God before we can be *free.* Surely, government is the will of God. I wonder why so many refer to John 8:36, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Here you are duty bound to do the will of God, and a part of the will of God is dicipline and order. Which part of the Bible may we fail to obey and still remain justified? If none, then consider the part of *government.*

In our text we find the apostle Paul teaches church rules. Church rules do not suggest man-made ways, altogether. That which promotes the work of God is permissible in His sight.

The Church of God teaches Bible discipline as taught in the Bible. This kind of government is taught and upheld by the General Assembly.

Many believe in government when they can be the governor. We are criticized by some who mock us for using Cleveland, Tenn., for our business headquarters. I ask the question, "What is the difference in being in Cleveland, Tenn., and any other part of the world?" We do not have the privilege to go to heaven to work out our problems; therefore, we must have a system on earth, and that system is to be done in the will of God.

How can we call ourselves the obedient children of God and disobey Him in regard to system and order? If we do not observe both sides of the doctrine on governments and helps, then we fail, for in Matt. 7:21 we read, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom or heaven; but he that *doeth* the *will* of my Father which is in heaven."

I feel confident that the biggest reason many people object to the use of proper government is because they do not care to abide by the right thing. You will notice that those who do not believe in government generally organize or establish a work of their own, which automatically places them in as rulers (headmen), or superintendents.

God has always had a form of government. He has, as can be seen, all down through the ages, allowed humanity various kinds of discipline. Moses disciplined the children of Israel; Deborah, Joshua, Gideon, and many others did the same thing. Not only did the Old Testament leaders use government, but the leaders in the New Testament did, also.

From the first thing we know of Almighty God, we find Him using a governmental system. Without a form of government, or a business system, desirable accomplishments will fail. Even God could not get along without order. Tell me how, we as His workers, can do less.

God drove Adam and Eve from the garden of Eden. Many would object to that, but God knew what was best. He could not sacrifice the right principles. Not only did God drive this couple out of the garden, but He placed cherubim there to forbid them to re-enter.

Consider with me, for a few moments, the following: 1 Cor. 16:1, 2,

ey Man-Made Ways?

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have *given order* to the churches (what churches?) of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let *every one of you* lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I (Paul) come." This scripture certainly convinces me that those men had order and regulations in their day.

Friends, carefully notice 1 Cor. 11:34, ". . . And the rest will I set in order when I come." Here Paul is instructing about the Lord's Supper, and he said he would give further orders when he arrived. If this is not government, then I don't know what government is.

Just a thought about tithing: Today many say tithes are just a racket to keep up a preacher and his family. One thing they will have to acknowledge is that tithing is a Bible doctrine. Although people do try to explain it away, it still reads just the same. I am of the opinion that if honest hearts would read Rom. 13:1-8, and consider the phrase in the latter verse, "Owe no man (whom does this involve?) any thing," and also consider 1 Cor. 9:7-11; Heb. 7:1-10; and Matt. 23:23, then there would not be so much criticism of people who endeavor to obey God to the letter. Since we are so accurate in paying the U. S. Government our taxes, personally, I think we should pay dues into God's work. We pay taxes to keep from being prosecuted. The same thing should be considered in withholding tithes from God. Paul infers this in his writings.

The thing the church does to promote the cause of Christ will be accepted of God, hence the record in Acts 5:1-11. God never did say to do as they did, but He approved of it to the extent that two died after lying about the proposition. Read Acts 4:32-37, also. The incident you will read about was something that was agreed upon by some of the prominent church officers, and not a command of God at all; yet, the Lord put His approval on it, because it was to promote the sacred work. No doubt, Ananias and Sapphira thought as people today, that there was no use in doing everything the church said. Perhaps they said, "Those men are just doing this"; but God had another picture to present. It is better to be safe than sorry. Obedience is better than sacrifice.

For another reference concerning governments, read Acts 6:1-7. This is another instance where the men of God worked out something which would benefit the work of God on this earth. Even though it was mapped out by men, God approved of it. We appoint deacons, bishops, elders, evangelists, and personal workers. God works through them. In 1 Cor. 12:28, we have, "And God hath set some in the church, First apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts or healings, *helps, governments,* diversities of tongues." The points of governments and helps have been strongly stressed because heretofore many of the weightier matters have been omitted. I wonder why some "soft peddle" governments and helps. 2 Peter 2:10 says, ". . . and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." Is this so today? If governments and helps were not put in the Bible to govern and help in times of need, then why were they put there?

Paul and James and a few of the brethren did a very good job running things in their day by the help of God, and yet they had their trouble, too. We are to expect the same thing today among those who oppose governments and helps in the church. Friends, God expects us to promote His work, and we can do that by forming a governmental rule by which to go. Anything without a system is out of order. Some people disapprove of good, clean governments because there are things they forbid. Many like to be free so that they can do as they please. When a person is independent, he speaks like this, "I don't want any strings on me"; still he likes to come where the people have labored and striven to make God's work a success.

Governments and helps are what churches need. Consider the U. S. Government, of which we are a part. We are to be subject to the Government, though some rebel; and so it is in the church. Good old America has remained as it is because the better class enjoy good government procedure. "Help" means "to give assistance to; support; to lend aid." "Government" means "control or management; the system of governing; method of ruling."

There is only one way to use the governments God HATH put into the church and that is to put it into *action*. An automobile is no profit if you cannot use it. A handle was put

By Rev. W. H. Compton

on the water pump to be used to cause water to come forth. The water is there, but we must use a system to get it out. There is something for the person to do, and there is something for the church to do in order to have proper church government.

Matt. 16:18, "And I (Jesus) say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This church proposition began with a government and a discipline.

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

THE NEED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES IS TRULY GREAT

Greetings in Jesus' name from Guatemala!

Since February 4, I have been in the Republic of Guatemala as a representative of Christ. As many of you know, toward the end of last semester, the Church of God Board of Foreign Missions asked me to spend a term on the field before finishing college. After much prayer, I consented. When my semester examinations were over, I went home to West Virginia, where I enjoyed the Christmas holidays with Mom and Dad. On December 31, of last year, I bade good-bye to Mom and Dad and my now-five-year-old brother for a three-year period, in order to carry the gospel to the Latin American. I climbed into "Dixie," our jeep station wagon, with Brother and Sister Pullin, our veteran missionaries of over thirty years in Guatemala. We traveled south, holding services, later entering Mexico and finally Guatemala.

I really should have written before, but I felt that I should wait until I knew a little more about the country and became a little more orientated as a missionary.

The Indian woman of this country wears a cloth folded over her head called a "reboso," and more times than not it is used to carry the baby on her back. She wears a very colorful, loose blouse, ornated with a many-colored belt. The long "new look" skirt has been in style here for centuries. Generally, she wears no shoes. It is to these people that we, of the mission staff of the Church of God, are trying to bring the true, complete gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. A genuine praise is in my heart for the previous efforts of Don Thomas Pullin and Don Carlos Furman, who is now with the Lord, so that we have won nearly three thousand members from the many Indian tribes and Spanish people.

Before coming to the mission field, I felt that the need of foreign missionaries was great. Now, more than ever, I am convinced that it is true. I firmly believe our Master is coming very, very soon, to catch away His Bride, the blood-washed souls. For this reason, I feel that every individual must do his best to win as many souls as he possibly can before the Lord comes.

I have often thought of you and am praying for you, but in return, I ask your prayers for us as we labor for the Lord in the "land of eternal spring." Write if you can, but above all, watch and pray.—Sincerely in Christ, Wayne McAfee, Apartado Postal 307, Guatemala, Guatemala, Central America.

NEWS FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

"Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours," Deut. 11:24. What a precious promise! But one can claim such a promise only by faith. We are claiming, with humility on our part, the neighborhood here for the Church of God.

Early Friday morning, Brother William Garcia, the young pastor at Santiago, Brother Francisco Santiago, pastor at Moca, and Brother Salomon Feliciano, pastor at Maimon, called for me at my home at Santiago, and off we went on a missionary tour of various rural churches and out-stations where Brother Pena and Brother Marichal are pastoring.

After driving on the main road for ninety miles, we turned and took a country road. Soon we could go no farther, and we had to leave the car behind some trees. We proceeded on foot, but after awhile we found Brother Enrique Pena, the pastor at El Cayal, with four horses and asses. We continued the trip on horseback, rejoicing because we were obedient to the Master's command. "Go and preach the gospel to every creature." What a privilege to be messengers of the King of kings with the full-gospel message!

Along the way, we stopped to distribute gospel tracts and pray for the sick. Finally, after five hours on horseback, we arrived at our destination.

We had a splendid service that evening. The glory of the Lord was manifested in a precious way. Four backsliders came to the altar, and two believers received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4.

Early in the morning, a caravan of asses, mules, and horses was ready to take us to the seashore twelve miles distant for a baptismal service. Nearly all the congregation went with us to rejoice in the good service where Brother Santiago baptized four believers and at the same seashore I performed a marriage.

On the way back, we held three services in three different villages. That night, we had a good service and four more souls were saved and one backslider came to the altar.

The next day, at four o'clock in the morning, we started for Cano Miguel, thirty miles from El Cayal. This trip was made on horses. After six hours of continued traveling across the prairie and through underbrush, across ditches and rough stony stretches, we came to Cano Miguel, where we found the pastor, Brother Marichal, with all his congregation in front of the new chapel which they are building by faith. After some rest, we mounted our horses to go to the river to enjoy another baptismal service, where two candidates were baptized.—Ramon Fontaine, Overseer.

No one is doing so much for the world as he who is trying to save it.

SPECIAL NOTICE

All packages of food and clothing weighing not more than seventy pounds may be sent to our people in Germany by clearly designating each package "From The Church of God" and underlining same with red pencil, on the outside of the package, and addressing same to Chaplain (Capt.) Ptashnik, Esslingen Military Sub Post, APO 154, c/o P. M., New York, New York.

REQUESTS... *for Prayer*

PRAY FOR:

My eyes to be healed.—Mrs. Earnie Bell Edgell, Box 828, Weirton, W. Va.

My husband to be healed of awful headaches and stomach trouble; an unspoken request.—51 W. Palmer, Detroit 2, Mich.

Our home affairs to be straightened out.—A Sister, Birmingham, Ala.

Me to be healed of pains in my chest and back.—A Brother.

An unspoken request.—Sister Hill, Chickamauga, Ga.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. Ettie Mead, Pittsburg, Kans.

An unspoken request.—Sister Payton, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Lord to heal me of cancer and rheumatism.—Mrs. Lizzie Messer, Rt. 1, Willow Springs, N. C.

A very special request.—Joan Ricketts, Booneville, Miss.

Me to be healed of heart trouble and smothering.—Mary Lemaster, Rt. 2, Mtn. Park, Okla.

Me to have a quick recovery from heart and kidney trouble and receive the Holy Ghost.—G. M. Nelson, Comers Rock, Va.

My brother-in-law, Joe Smith, to be healed.—Mrs. Edna Waddell, Tunica, Miss.

My eyes to be healed; my children to be saved and healed; my husband to be saved and come back home.—A Sister, Cookeville, Tenn.

Me to be healed; my children to be saved.—Sarrah Sharpe, Robbinsville, N. C.

Me to be healed; my husband; my loved ones.—A Sister, Doddsville, Miss.

My baby to be healed; father and mother to be saved.—Mrs. R. L. Lawrence, Lashmut, W. Va.

My sister, Elizabeth, to be healed.—Caroline Pratt, Decatur, Ala.

My son to be saved and healed; another son to be saved.—Mary Safford, Box 2, Goldendale, Wash.

Me to be saved and healed; my mother-in-law to be healed.—A Reader, Hamer, S. C.

An urgent request.—Mrs. E. L. Robbins, Princeton, W. Va.

Different ones to be healed.—Godwin N. Onvenukwa, Nigeria, W. C. A.

A man who has drifted away from God.—A Reader.

Two urgent requests; my loved ones to be saved; God to give me more faith.—Mrs. E. M. Smith, Toledo, Ohio.

The healing of my body; my husband's eyes to be healed; our home.—Mrs. Wiley, Naoma, W. Va.

Our baby's healing.—T. G. Martin, Wadesboro, N. C.

An unspoken request; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Mina Pardue, Cumberland, N. C.

My brother to be saved and healed; my daughter to be saved; me to be healed and receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Lee Webb, Duff, Tenn.

Two sisters who need salvation; three unspoken requests; me.—Clevie King, Altoona, Ala.

A serious request; a young man to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.—A Reader.

A young man to be saved and receive the Holy Ghost; my sister to draw closer to God.—A Reader.

Little John D. Sipes to be healed; our work here.—Rev. E. C. St. John, Chase City, Va.

My husband and me to be healed; our faith to be increased.—Mrs. Lester Norris, Sparta, Tenn.

Ivan Hammett's salvation; his dad.—Mrs. Albert King.

Mrs. Emma Holmon's body.—Mrs. John Adams, Crab Orchard, Ky.

God to heal my body; my father to be healed.—Gertrude Chapman, Saltville, Va.

God to touch my body.—Mrs. Elbert Smith, Pulaski, Tenn.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. M. E. Bagwell, Jacksonville, Fla.

The healing of Bulah Cattlet.—A. R. Willingham, Cherry Valley, Ark.

God to heal my leg.—Mrs. Russell Holman, Rock Port, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Nora Hagston, Saltville, Va.

An unspoken request.—Mittie Laney, Walhalla, S. C.

The healing of my body; the home of Annie Davis.—M. A. Tate, Beckley, W. Va.

God to heal my stomach.—A Sister.

An urgent request.—Mrs. Jno. Milligan, Pisgah, Ala.

Me to be healed; an unspoken request; two people to be healed.—Elnora Bell, Parkersburg, W. Va.

An unspoken request.—A Child of God.

Mrs. Robert Teal to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. Myrtice Wooten, Surveyor, W. Va.

A friend who is going through a severe trial; my loved one's healing; me to be healed.—Mrs. Claudia Chamblee, Quinton, Ala.

My complete healing.—W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va.

Our son-in-law to be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; our two children to be healed.—A Reader.

My sister to be healed.—Mrs. Edna Dixon, Warner Robins, Ga.

A lady to be healed of asthma; my loved ones to be saved; some unspoken requests; our church.—Mrs. Susie H. Harris, Belmont, N. C.

The healing of my body; our church.—Mrs. Hazel Bonine, Bartlettsville, Okla.

My sister to be saved and healed; her family to be saved; a brother-in-law who is afflicted and needs the Lord; me to be healed.—Miss Maude Oliver, Atlanta, Ga.

A brother to be healed.—Andrew J. Lowe, Fonde, Ky.

God to heal my back.—Joyce Johnson, Murphy, N. C.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. B. F. Hart, Rockingham, N. C.

My son to be saved; two friends to be healed; me to be healed.—Mrs. Lula Mae Knight, Tennville Ga.

A special request.—Mrs. Jennie Leedy.

God to heal my throat.—Mrs. A. V. Chandler, Chandler, Donalsonville, Ga.

My husband to be saved.—Irma McCullough, Avon Park, Fla.

JOPLIN DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

JOPLIN, Missouri—The Joplin District convention convened at Springfield, Missouri, April 30 to May 2, with good attendance and success, and best of all the Lord was with us in a wonderful way. We were privileged to have Mr. Otis L. Babarick, mayor of Springfield, to bring the welcome address. Rev. W. H. Henry, our state overseer, couldn't be with us on account of sickness. An offering for the Orphanage in the amount of $55.58 was received. There were many good messages, special songs, and music. It seems everyone left this convention with a greater zeal and determination to work for Jesus, for surely He is coming soon.—Mrs. Stella Lowe, Convention Clerk.

REVIVALS

RONDA, N. C.—We have just closed a good revival here, with our pastor, Brother C. R. Rogers, doing the preaching. God greatly blessed us in this revival. There were four saved, two sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for us to do the will of the Lord.—Mrs. Annie St. John.

TO THE SHUT-INS

Rev. M. C. Suggs, minister in State Sanitorium, State Park, S. C., says to shut-ins, "There is no need to worry about being a shut-in. Maybe that is the place God would have us. He will not make it too hard for us. We can look back to the time when we went to the little church on the side of the hill or down in the valley, when we could mingle our voices with the good people in the good old songs of Zion. How our voices would ring out over the plain! How we could get on our knees, call upon God for the wonderful blessings that He gave us! Now the good people miss our presence, but here, there is still someone to take our part."

COVER PICTURE

This lovely scene speaks for service as well as beauty. The canal carries the needed water to irrigate thousands and thousands of acres of fertile land which produces the needed grain and vegetables to sustain life.

Once, far away in the West, after riding for hundreds of miles over arid lands of the desert, as the train topped the mountain with its parched rocky peaks, I looked down in the valley of the most beautiful green fields of grain and orchards. It seemed I had never seen such beauty before. I'm sure the contrast added much to the scene. When I immediately sought for the cause of the great difference, I saw a canal coursing its way around down the mountainside, carrying the water of the melted snow, which made the difference.

Then I thought, "Well! these farmers don't even have to depend on the Lord to send rain. They can regulate the moisture need by opening and closing the irrigation gates, flooding their fields as their needs require. The farmers in the other sections of the country must depend on the rainfall." Then I remembered that they, too, must depend on the Lord to send the snow.

I was surprised to learn, while in Montana, that beautiful trout follow the water courses of the irrigation system. At times when the floodgates are open, they pour through into the smaller ditches. Then when the gates are closed they are cut off, so that as the water spreads over the fields the farmer can pick them up, and have nice fresh fish from the wheat fields.

Prayer Answered for Grandchildren

I thank and praise God for answering prayer in behalf of our three grandchildren. I promised God I would testify in the Evangel, that it might help someone.—Mrs. Mary Prindle.

. . REVIVALS . .

DUNN, La.—This was the greatest revival ever experienced by many. Rev. Paul S. Shoemaker and wife were with us three weeks, in which time thirty-seven were saved, thirty sanctified, twenty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty baptized (ten were baptized after service one night in a lake while auto lights were beamed on the scene), and twenty-six were added to the church. Our Sunday School is doing fine. For the month of April, we had an average attendance of one hundred and sixty. Every department of the church is growing.— Joseph N. Daniel.

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OSBORN, Ohio—I should like to report the wonderful success of our revival which closed Sunday night, May 2, with Brother Wilmere Rainer, of Baltimore, Maryland. There were eleven souls saved and three were filled with the Holy Ghost. He helped us organize a Y. P. E. and we reached a new record in Sunday School. The previous record in our little community was eighty-two, but we prayed for one hundred and the Lord gave us one hundred. We feel that his ministry has done much for us and we recommend him to all. He is a man who has a real heart for the upbuilding of the kingdom.—J. R. De Vore.

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CLEVELAND, Tenn.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at the Bancroft Church of God, with the Rev. Merle Akins as the evangelist, with thirteen saved, nine sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and eleven added to the church. Brother Akins is a student at Lee College and he and his wife would be a blessing to any church that could get them for a revival. We also had a wonderful healing service in which several were healed.—James K. Earls, Pastor.

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SOUTH BOSTON, Va.—We are still praising the Lord for one of the best revivals the church has ever had here. There were thirty-two saved, sixteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, eighteen added to the church, and thirteen baptized in water. This revival ran for three weeks, with Sister C. H. Show, of Danville, Va., doing the preaching. The power of God filled the building, and people were praising God all over the church. The church was crowded every night. Sister Show is a wonderful preacher, and we recommend her very highly to anyone needing an evangelist. I am sure she will prove a great blessing to any church. We praise the Lord for our fine pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Burkett. In the past three years every department of the church has more than doubled, and is still increasing. We truly have been richly blessed by having them. Pray for us that the Lord will continue to bless.—Virginia Nichols, Clerk.

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas—San Antonio has had one of the best revivals in its history. Brother R. L. Nolen did the preaching. A number of souls were saved and the church was stirred. We surely love Brother Nolen. He preached under the anointing every night.—R. O. Woodruff, Pastor.

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SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—The church here comes to the front with a revival conducted by Evangelist C. B. Donahue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. There were eighteen converted, ten sanctified, and eight baptized with the Holy Ghost. Ten were baptized in water and seven added to the church. The church is progressing nicely under the pastorate of the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Baldree. All previous records for the Sunday School attendance were broken in the month of April.—Mayford McMahan, Clerk.

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AVON PARK, Fla.—We are having a wonderful revival here. Rev. and Mrs. Kirkland are our evangelists. There have been about eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost and many saved and sanctified. We enjoy his sermons and feel greatly renewed to see so many coming to God. I'm hungry for souls to be saved. Oh, people, let's get ready for our Lord is coming soon. Pray for us that we can win many souls.—Irma McCullough.

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WAYNESBORO, Pa.—We have had a good revival here, with Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Shirk. The presence of the Lord was in every meeting and our church was wonderfully blessed. Twelve souls were saved, seven received the Holy Ghost, and six were added to the church, for which we praise God. We wish to thank Brother and Sister Shirk for their good work, and from our hearts they are highly recommended to any of our churches. —R. I. Neff.

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We are indeed grateful to God for our recent revival. When we came here to pastor two years ago, no one had united with the church for eight years and no one had received the Holy Ghost in that time. A year ago, God gave us a good revival and two were added to the church at that time. Three weeks ago, we began another great revival, conducted by Edmund T. Gregory and wife, of Maryland. God gloriously blessed and many times the power of God was very prevalent in our midst. Old-fashioned conviction seized the church and community, and seven were saved, four sanctified, and five added to the church. Brother Gregory and his wife are deeply consecrated to God. The church here welcomes him and is looking for his return.—Clyde and Ida McKay.

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Testimonies

Healed and Blessed Wonderfully

"The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad," Psalm 126:3.

A few weeks ago, I had a heart attack. Several sisters were called in to pray and the Lord came down and healed and blessed us wonderfully. In a few days, I came down with another attack of the very same trouble. Again a dear sister was called in to pray for me. I said, "Lord, if you will heal me now, I will testify of it through the paper." Again the Lord healed me and blessed us wonderfully. Praise His dear name! Dear saints, please pray earnestly that I will keep the faith and not doubt that I am completely healed.—Miss Zola Pearl Hand, Cairo, Georgia.

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A Friend Divinely Healed

COLFAX, La.—Truly, I am so glad to sound a word of praise for my blessed Lord on divine healing for a very dear friend of mine. The doctors had given her up to die, and said it would only be a matter of a few hours; but, praise the Lord, that has been over a month ago. She is doing fine now and able to visit. I promised the Lord if He would heal her I would tell it wherever I went. I belong to the Church of God at Dartigo.—Mrs. Gordon Chelette.

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Can't Praise Him Enough

SALISBURY, N. C.—As I was reading the Evangel this morning, I had a great desire to write and praise the Lord for His goodness to us. He has wonderfully blessed us so many times that I just can't praise Him enough. I truly want to thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the blessed Holy Ghost and giving us a Christian home. That is worth everything to me. I promised the Lord if He would answer a special prayer of mine, I would testify of it. Praise the Lord, He did. I'm asking all the saints to pray for us that God's will may be done in our lives.—Mrs. E. L. Allman.

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Old Time Religion Good for the Young

WENDELL, N. C.—I really praise God for old-time religion which makes a young person shout and feel the presence of God. I praise Him for His goodness to me and for showing me the way of holiness, about which I knew nothing, being a member of another denomination. God really saved, sanctified, filled me with the Holy Ghost, and led me to the Church of God at Zebulon, N. C. I praise Him for the way He has blessed our young church and for the church building which we are erecting, also for our faithful pastor, Brother I. H. Hinton. Pray for me to be a faithful child of God and a soul winner.— Billy Wayne Alford.

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Giving Him All the Praise

NICHOLLS, Ga.—I praise my blessed Lord this morning for hearing and answering prayer. I promised Jesus about two months ago if He would touch my husband's body I would testify of it. He did; that's why I am giving Him all the honor and praise. I also thank Him for taking care of my boy last week when he was injured by dynamite.—Mrs. Susie Gray.

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He's a Wonderful Saviour and Healer

KEYSER, W. Va.—I would like to tell what the Lord has done for me. I was in much pain from gall bladder infection and I promised God if He would heal me I would testify, for I want everyone to know what a wonderful Saviour and Healer we have. Our pastor and his wife came and prayed with me and God healed me, not instantly, but within two days all the pain and soreness was gone. Praise His name! Pray for me. I want to do something for my Lord and be faithful until He calls.—Edna Brumage.

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A Wonderful Healing—of T. B.

PRUDEN, Tenn.—I love the Lord because He hears and answers prayer. I have been saved about eight years, but I have only been a member of the Church of God since September. I came in with fourteen members; now we have thirty-three. About two months ago, the Lord healed me of T. B. I went back to the hospital and had another X-ray made, and the doctor thought something was wrong with the X-ray machine. Then I went back to my home doctor and told him I was healed, and he said if I would go to Middlesboro, Ky. and Knoxville, Tenn., and have an X-ray made and it was clear, then he would believe in healing. I am still healed and praising the Lord for it and I want to tell it everywhere I go. Praise the Lord!—Mrs. Ethel Ray.

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Healed of Pellagra

SCHOOLFIELD, Va.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. He has healed in my home so many times. He healed me of pellagra when a specialist could not, and I am trusting Him now for my body. He has been so good to me. I want to serve Him the last mile of the way and be ready when He comes. I believe He is soon coming.—Mrs. Ida Arnold.

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Felt the Divine Touch

I thank God for His wonderful healing power. I asked the Lord to heal my body; I know it is real for I felt the divine touch. Praise His name!—Lessie Smith, Selmer, Tenn.

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Healed of Bad Stomach Trouble

I feel so impressed to give my testimony. I promised God if He would heal me, I would testify anywhere and any time. I had stomach trouble so bad I could hardly eat anything. Soda crackers and water were about all I could eat. I was in sin, without God. The doctor had given up hopes for me. I heard about Jesus and His great healing power. Glory to God! I was saved in February, 1947, received the Holy Ghost April 2, and was healed within a few months. Praise His name! He has healed my little girl of rheumatism and my little boy of a hurting in his side. I praise God for it. I know He is able to heal at all times. Pray for me to be true until the end.—Laura Whitmore, Woodruff, S. C.

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THE SOUTHEASTERN YOUTH CONGRESS

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gregational as well as choir and special numbers, Brother E. D. Johnson, evangelist of North Carolina, preached on "Youth and Modernism."

Many of the very best features of the Congress were scheduled for the concluding day, so Saturday's services began with great enthusiasm over past services and much interest in the remaining features. Rev. James L. Slay, pastor, North Cleveland, Tenn., church led a panel discussion with a group of our young people. The advice and instructions made available through this channel, I am sure, will be very useful to our work.

Following this, Brother R. P. Johnson, our "dean of preachers," stirred our hearts with his message preached as only he could preach it, being aided and abetted by the presence and power of the Holy Ghost. He spoke on "A Consecrated Youth," telling our young people there was pleasure (temporary) but not joy in the things of the world and sin.

In the afternoon session, Brother John Meares, pastor, Athens, Tenn., lectured on "The Proper and Efficient Preparation of Y.P.E. Programs." Much good help was given here, and we can remember that in our young people working for God there are places where they say, "It gets somewhat hard along here," but Jesus stands ready to prompt us and help us over the hard places.

Brother Robert Johnson, member, National Youth Committee, lectured on "Visual Aids in Our Church Work and Worship." He certainly made the workers realize the effectiveness of these helps in our work.

After this lecture, Sister Willie Mae Willis and another sister explained and demonstrated suggested materials for use in our D.V.B.S.'s.

At 6:45 p.m., Brother Clayton Thomas, youth director of North Carolina, in charge of devotions began the concluding and one of the best services of all the sessions. Some of our people had found it necessary to leave in order to be at their Sunday services, but a fine representation was present in this service, to stay until the last "Amen" had been said. The LeFevre Trio and Jim Waites, with Hoby Lister at the piano, one of the outstanding musical groups of the entire South, were present to lend their talents for the success of this great meeting. Brother Dunn, youth director of Alabama, directed a Bible quiz program. Sister Sue Johnson Smith sang "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus," after which the message of the evening was preached by Brother Ray Hughes, a youth evangelist who preaches old-time Pentecost as old-time Pentecost ought to be preached.

The meeting came to a close with this great message, with the spiritual tide running high, and I am sure, as we departed to go our particular ways to return to our homes, that we carried with us many things of inestimable value from this congress.

To give credit and pay proper tribute to each individual that contributed to the success of this meeting would be an almost impossible task, but we are aware of the wonderful musical talents exemplified by our people, and I am sure their work was much appreciated and added enjoyment to the service that could not have been provided otherwise. We remember the numbers rendered by such artists, as "Vep" Ellis, Bobby Bost, Otis L. McCoy, S. Gastonia, N. C., Quartet, Bible School quartets, Kannapolis, N. C., Trio, Florida Bible School Trio, the Daniel Sisters, of Cleveland, Tenn., the Lenoir City, Tenn., Quartet, Eddie High, of Plant City, Fla., and perhaps others that we have unintentionally neglected to mention. No number was unappreciated, but rather the concerted efforts of each one made the Congress what it was.

We are sure, from the many expressions that we have heard, that great thought and much prayer on the part of our National Youth Director and his co-workers was reflected in the entire program and its presentation.

GREAT REVIVAL . . .

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the yard, were filled to capicity each night.

Reverend Childers did some great preaching. Miracles took place during this campaign. Gamblers, drunkards, and murderers were saved. One man who had been pardoned, after having served sixteen years of a life imprisonment sentence, was converted. Today he is a great witness for Christ.

We wish to thank each who helped to make this revival a success. We will never forget the good singers and musicians who put this part of the program over. Each night we were favored with visiting singers from neighboring churches. Eternity alone will reveal the good that was wrought in this revival. On the closing night of the revival the altar was filled with thirty-five seekers. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, and six filled with the Holy Ghost. We are expecting thirty to be baptized in water.

We love our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Spake. They are good workers and a great inspiration to us. Since Brother Spake came here three years ago our church has progressed in each department. Our Y. P. E. is one of the best in the entire movement. Our Sunday School is going with great interest. We had 352 in attendance last Sunday, so you can see why we are so happy here in Springfield. —Mrs. Bernice Britt, Reporter.

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Without which no man shall see the Lord; looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. . . . for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears," Heb. 12:14-17b.

If there is any one person above all others who is an abomination unto the Lord, it is a hypocrite.

There is no other human being that can do more harm to the body of Christ than this vile and loathsome person. The old proverb, "One rotten apple will spoil the barrel," is true—tragically true.

If we have a cancer eating away at any part of the body, life is just a matter of a few months.

If we have a cancer eating away at the heart of our Church, the Church can't survive.

We are holiness people. We stand for a higher standard of living than any other branch of Christ's Church.

The world has its eyes focused on us as never before. I can see a change in only a few months. People who used to say we were fanatic and crazy are now looking to us for help and guidance. Those with whom we could not talk sometime ago, will listen hungerly now as we tell them how God protects His own. The world is unsure and afraid, and they marvel at our peace of mind, our faith, and seek to know more. The fields are truly ripe unto harvest.

"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

"For what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, **when God taketh away his soul."**

The time is ripe for a great revival to sweep through the world. It has already started down in Texas and at many other points across the country. It is ready to break right here in middle Tennessee. Are we going to meet the Lord, "bringing our sheaves with us"? or, are we going to let the devil spoil our efforts?

The leaven of the Pharisees must be purged out, and it must be done in all of our churches.

Let us all feast on the good things of God and set to work as never before and do a thorough job of spring cleaning. Let us plant so many flowers of love around our churches that the air will be purified and an offering of sweet smelling savor will go up to our God, that He may breathe deep and be pleased to smile on us more and bless us with a bountiful harvest.

May God strengthen us and keep us true and faithful, and if we are not real, help us to get on our knees and stay there until we are. May He keep us from becoming stumbling blocks for others who are seeking for the light, help us every one to grow in grace, give us more of His power, wisdom and love each day, and help us to seek His holy will in all that we do. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the holy, blessed Son. Amen.

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

OTHERS

Mark 15:31

The entire plan of salvation was designed to redeem fallen humanity. However, someone must be willing to suffer, bear the burden, even die on a cross. Laying aside His heavenly garments, Jesus came from glory to submit Himself to any angry mob and a bloody cross. He met the devil on the battlefield alone and fought, bled, died and conquered! It was for others that He did this. Christ was a sinless offering for sinful men.

The ministry of suffering for the salvation of others is of tremendous importance. Mighty revivals have begun because humble souls were concerned about others. A miner throws aside his pick; a farmer turns his back to the plow in the field; a weeping wife and children embrace a devoted father before he walks up the gangplank to sail for shores beyond. The impelling force behind such action is LOVE. It is a heart burning with the desire to take the GOOD NEWS to OTHERS.—Manuel F. Campbell.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

WHALEY

Sister Whaley, a member of the Church of God at Chauncey, Illinois, went to be with Jesus May 16, at the age of eighty-four years. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor. —Rev. Kenneth Moore.

BENEFIELD

Sister Sallie Wigley Benefield, Section, Alabama, departed this life May 5, 1948, at the age of fifty-nine years. She was a faithful member of the Church of God for about twenty-nine years. She is survived by her husband, three sons, and one daughter. Funeral services were held at Strait Creek Church of God. Rev. A. J. Phillips, Rev. Johnnie Hartline, and Sister Jessie Wilson officiated. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

BRYANT

Sister Idell Bryant, born October 16, 1888, passed away May 4, 1948. She was loved by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the Church of God at Newberry, Florida. She leaves to mourn her death a father, husband, six children, other relatives, and a host of friends. —S. R. Williams, Pastor.

LYLE

Mrs. Letha Mae Lyle, born in Suwannee County, March, 15, 1885, went to be with Jesus May 5, 1948. She was a member of the Church of God for more than thirty years and a Christian most of her life, having given her heart to the Lord at an early age. One son and a sister survive her. Her joyous Christian character will be missed by all.—W. A. Smith, Wildwood, Florida.

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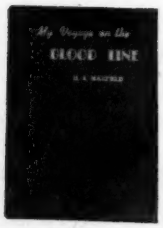

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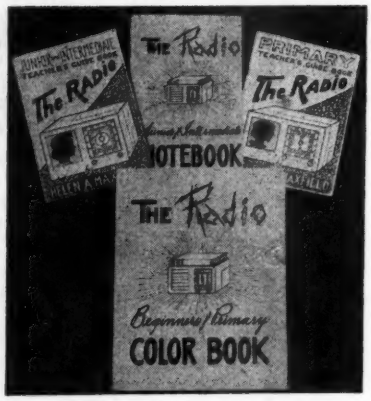

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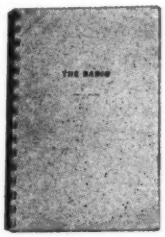

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